

comprising a reservoir of distilled water which holds and supplies distilled water to be boiled for the sterilization, wherein said reservoir is separable from said housing and manufactured from a substance which can be subjected to sufficiently high temperatures for a sufficient period of time to destroy endotoxins without damaging said reservoir.

## Add new claims 38-43 as follows:

- 38. (New) An apparatus for reducing outbreaks of aseptic inflammations of the eye resulting from eye surgery comprising a sterilizer for sterilizing medical instruments with steam comprising a housing containing a steam generator supplied by a dispensing pump and a sterilization container for containing said medical instruments, and further comprising a reservoir of distilled water which holds and supplies distilled water to be boiled for the sterilization wherein said reservoir is adapted to be removed and replaced when emptied of distilled water.
- 39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said reservoir is a disposable reservoir mounted externally of said housing.
- 40. (New) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said reservoir is a disposable, removable reservoir adapted to be removably contained within said housing.
- 41. (New) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said disposable reservoir is a bag of sterile endotoxin-free distilled water.
- 42. (New) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said disposable reservoir is a bottle of sterile endotoxin-free distilled water.
- 43. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said substance from which said reservoir is manufactured can be subjected to a temperature greater than 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 4 hours without damage.